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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and the procedure set forth in 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicants submit for the Examiner's consideration the attached PTO Form FB A-820.

The Applicants certify that each of the references cited on the Form FB A-820 were cited in an Examination Report for an application pending in the Japanese Patent Office which asserts priority to U.S. Serial No. 07/647,464, the parent to the above-captioned application. The Examination Report was communicated less than three months ago, on October 12, 1999. The five references are Japanese Patent Laid-Open Publication No. 63-214264/1988, U.S. Patent No. 4,748,982, Japanese Patent Laid-Open Publication No. 62-213762/1987, Japanese Patent Laid-Open Publication No. 63-246178/1988, and European Patent Application Publication No. 0 408 245.

U.S. Patent Nos. 4,762,128 and 4,893,623 are understood to correspond to Japanese Laid-Open Publication No. 63-214264/1988. U.S. Patent Nos. 4,762,128, 4,748,982 and European patent publication No. 0 408 245 were cited previously to the Examiner on an Information Disclosure Statement mailed September 8, 1999. Enclosed are copies of all of the documents listed on the Form PTO-FB-A820 except for those three previously disclosed documents.


The references cited on the Form FB A-820 may not constitute prior art to the subject matter of the invention claimed in the pending application. The documents therefore are disclosed here in an abundance of caution, in light of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

Because the Applicants are not yet in receipt of a first office action, this supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) and no fee is understood to be

due. In the event that a fee in fact is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 06-2425 accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

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